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7. Garada Irrigation	36.50
8. Piplad Irrigation	16.93
9. Olwara Lift Irrigation	9.00
10. Indira Gandhi Nahar State-I (Extension, Renovation and Modernisation)	86.39

Land Under Irrigation

1519. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI :

PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that 149 million hectare agricultural land was under irrigation by small means in the beninning of the year 1995;

(b) if not, the full details in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a fact has revealed recently from the study conducted by a wing of Birla Foundation that about 50 million hectare of land out of it is not arable now due to lack of irrigation; and

(d) if not, the facts in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) As per Land Use Statistics brought out by the Ministry of Agriculture, for 1992-93 (latest) the details of land under irrigation by all means together are as under:

(In million hectares)

	Year 1992-93 (provisional)
1. Total Geographical area of country	328.73
2. Total cultivable area	184.38
3. Net area sown	142.51
4. Gross irrigated area	66.14
5. Net irrigated area	50.10

(c) No, Sir.

(d) As per official Land Use Statistics (1992-93), the net irrigated area in the country is of the order of 50.10 million hectares out of 142.51 million hectares of net sown area in the country.

[English]

To Save Cultural Heritage

1520. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government attention has been drawn

to the steady erosion and consequential threat to the river island Majuli (Jorhat District, Assam) a centre of Vaishnavite art and culture;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to save this religio-cultural heritage;

(c) the extent of erosion suffered by the Majuli island during the last decades;

(d) whether Government has received any proposal from any international agency/organisation for the reclamation and preservation of the Majuli Island heritage; and

(e) if so, details thereof and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMALI) : (a) to (c). The island suffers from erosion due to river action of the Brahmaputra and Subansiri. To prevent further erosion, embankments have been provided in some portions of the island. There are no protected monuments in Majuli island.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Question does not arise.

Jet Trainer Aircraft

1521. SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D. CHAVAN : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of serious consequences in quality of training and loss of front line jet aircraft in training due to non-availability of suitable jet trainer aircraft;

(b) if so, whether any decision to acquire the Advance Jet Trainer has been taken; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) to (c). The Government is aware of the requirement of an Advanced Jet Trainer for stage III training of IAF combat pilots. Acquisition of Advanced Jet Trainer has, accordingly, already been approved by the Government. Commercial negotiations have commenced.

[Translation]

Rehabilitation of SSIP

1522. SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the rehabilitation work of Sardar Sarovar Irrigation project is going on at Taloda and Tanuka area of district Dhule in Maharashtra;

(b) whether there is any provision to provide irrigation facility under this scheme for the land given to tribal farmers of the State; and

(c) if so, the time by which irrigation facility is likely to be provided?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) The irrigation facilities to 4200 hectares of land which are being allotted to the oustees are planned to be provided by 1988 end.

Development of Sports

1523. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Sports Authority of India has prepared any plan for setting up of new academies for the development of sports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the plan is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DHANUSHKODI ATHITHAN R.) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[English]

Anganwari Workers

1524. DR. ASIM BALA :

SHRI T. GOVINDAN :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have decided to start Anganwadis in each ward of all the panchayats in the country particularly in Nileshwar Block of Kasaragode district of Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total Anganwadi workers in the country; and

(d) the details of working condition of those workers?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) and (b). The Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme has been universalised during 1995-96 and a total number of 5614 ICDS Projects covering 5320 CD blocks and 310 major urban slums have been sanctioned in the country. In Neeleswaram CD block of Kasargode district, 237 Anganwadi Centres have been sanctioned during 1995-96.

(c) 3,36,737 Anganwadi Workers are in position as on 31st September, 1996.

(d) The Anganwadi Workers are voluntary part-time workers and are paid a fixed amount of Honorarium of Rs. 350 to 450/-p.m. In addition they are getting TA/DA based on actual Bus/Train fare (second class) and daily allowance as applicable to Lower Division Clerk as per State Government Rules.

Ground Water Exploration

1525. SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the geomorphological and lineament maps prepared using remote sensing studies have shown any success to aid ground water exploration in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Geomorphological and lineament maps prepared by the Department of Space using remote sensing technology has been used in conjunction with hydrogeological and geophysical methods by State Governments and Central Ground Water Board for demarcation of areas for locating sites for exploratory drilling in some States. After ground check and hydrogeological and geophysical field survey, successful tubewells have been constructed at most of the selected sites.

Almati Dam

1526. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether a decision has been taken by the Government on the raising of height of the Almati dam;

(b) if so, the extent of height proposed to be raised; and

(c) the details of the final decision taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) As per salient features of the Upper Krishna Project Stage-I given investment clearance by the Planning Commission in September 1990, Almatti Dam is to be constructed upto elevation of 523.8 metres corresponding to Full Reservoir Level (FRL) of 512.2 metres with spillway crest at elevation 509 metres. The State Government of Karnataka has also been permitted by the Planning Commission in the year 1990 to the investment for advance Planning for embeded parts for high radial gates in Almatti Dam. Construction of Almatti Dam in spillway and power dam portion from elevation 523.8 metres to 528.25 metres and headworks for 5 numbers foreshore lift irrigation scheme from Almatti Reservoir from foundation level to Full Reservoir Level 512.2 metres.